

The Prez Says

June was a slow month for the club. We do not have a meeting during the summer as we have many members who are snowbirds or on vacation. We also did not have an activity this month but **Sue** is planning to have one sometime this summer.



If you missed our mystery dinner ride you missed a good one. **Bill Fenton and Abbie Minton** took us to **Coconut Cove**, a german restaurant on Melbourne Beach. The ride up there was wonderful even though it was raining off and on and the food was delicious. Thank you **Bill and Abbie**.

Again, remember to check the website for the next mystery dinner run and shout outs.

Remember the Wave,
Susan

Activities

COMING IN JULY

13 - Thursday - NO General Membership Meeting
Due to low attendance in the summer
The regular membership meeting at C.J. Cannon's will be suspended for June, July and August.
Mystery Dinner Cruises and Shout Outs will still go on.

27 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Rich & Susan

COMING IN AUGUST

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29 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Stan & Andi

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

5 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting
Officers and Directors are asked to please attend,
Club members are always welcome!

14 - Thursday - General Membership Meeting
C.J. Cannon's at the Airport Terminal Building

26 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Geno & Barb

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for July

Lisa Grandage July 9
Steve Van Antwerp July 20

Birthdays for August

Lisa Hopmayer August 3
Rich Steinbach August 13
Jim Merklinghaus August 18
Mike Bell August 19
Joe Bernardo August 21
Karen Atwell August 23
Susan Steinbach August 26
Greg Butcher August 27

Birthdays for September

Bob Dunne September 2
Susan Roberts September 17
Gene DiPol September 19

Birthdays for October

Lisa Krance October 3
Nancy Kelly October 5
Tom Quina October 26
Barbara Randolph October 27

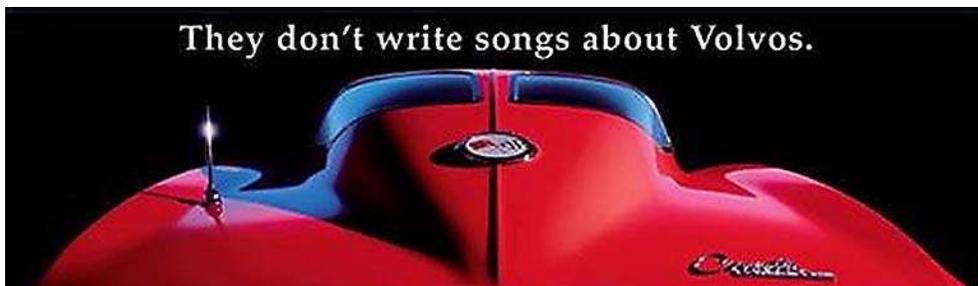
Happy Birthday to everyone!

SUMMER SCHEDULE June starts the time of the year when vacations, the heat, or visits from the Grandkids, causes our attendance to fall off. Because of this we are suspending the General Membership Meetings for June, July and August.

The Mystery Dinner Cruises will continue on the last Tuesday of every month.

Don't forget the **SHOUT OUTS**. If you have some place to go or something to do and would like to invite the rest of the club, just sent a **SHOUT OUT** via the Yahoo eGroup. Include your name and phone number so members can let you know they are going to attend.

They don't write songs about Volvos.



June Dinner Cruise

Bill and Abbey took the lead for our dinner cruise as we headed toward Melbourne Beach. The weather was less than friendly since it rained on our parade. It was still a pleasant ride along the ocean. Our trip took about an hour. The cars attracted a lot of attention from other diners. The destination was the German restaurant the **Coconut Cove Cafe**. The restaurant is located on the Indian River with a nice view. The food is very good with a great menu. Several side dishes were served to the table to be shared by everyone.

Thanks to **Bill and Abbey** for your selection of restaurants and another evening of great food and pleasant rides in our favorite cars. We enjoyed the cruise along the beautiful ocean.

I hope everyone is having a fun filled summer and have a great time.

Don't forget to wave!
Hollyann



GM Approves C8 Mid-Engine Corvette for 2019!

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By Rob Loszewski

Just in from one of our sources to the Corvette Action Center, apparently the mid-engine C8 Corvette is a go and you heard here first!

"The mid engine was signed off on last week, a 2019 with 3 or 4 models, top of the line being the "Zora" and I swear rumor has it 1500 HP. They will try to compete with the Ferraris and Lambos (an probably at their prices)anyway it will be debuted at the DetroitAuto Show in Jan 18."



"They will also definitely run the C7 thru 2019, simultaneously."

They go on to say that the unveiling of the mid-engine was for engineers only and it was very well received.

If any of this is true, what we heard and posted a year ago looks like it may become reality with the C7 and mid-engine being built at the same time for a short period of time.



While it may be unrealistic that the top-of-the-line Zora will come out with 1500 HP, it is possible that the engine may be engineered to handle up to 1500 HP.

Hang on tight folks. The Corvette world is about to get a whole lot more interesting!

Florida Attorney Behind Class-Action Lawsuit is also a Corvette Z06 Owner and HPDE Enthusiast

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West Palm Beach attorney Jason Weisser isn't just representing other drivers who say their C7 Z06 supercar has left them disappointed. He's one of the fold.



Weisser also happens to be a Corvette Z06 owner who loves to track his "brilliant ... amazing" vehicle, as he described it in a recent interview with The Palm Beach Post.

But persistent overheating problems have left him questioning the decision to buy one of the Corvettes that sometimes list for more than \$100,000.

"If you don't pit your car to let it cool down," Weisser says, "you'll go into limp mode."

He says that's an unsafe situation on the track as well as the highway.



"A Z06 rapidly decelerating on a highway is dangerous and can result in a high-speed collision," Weisser claimed in a multi-million-dollar lawsuit, filed earlier this month in U.S. District Court in Florida with Coral Gables attorney Stuart Grossman and Seattle attorney Steve Berman.

The suit calls the situation "unacceptable" for Z06 owners, who he says were told by GM they were buying a track-proven car.

"It's frustrating," Weisser says. "It's a

brilliant car. It's an amazing car. But for GM to deny it doesn't have this problem is laughable."

Actually, we're not sure GM is denying it. Weisser himself admits that GM has lived up to its warranties and repaired cars that have overheated. Weisser, however, believes the problem is "just a bad design" and "just about airflow."

He says Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter himself has admitted the problem appears most often in hot climates, including in a February 2015 statement:



"Some may wonder why don't we design to higher temperatures, say 110 degrees, to accommodate southern tracks in the summer," Juechter wrote. "We have used the 'pro driver at 86 degrees' criteria for generations of Corvettes and for the vast majority of customers, it has resulted in excellent performance for their usage."

In that same statement, Juechter (who has been quoted in other sources as saying that the overheating problem affects only about 5 percent of Z06s) wrote that designing the car for higher temperatures would require it to be larger, causing "a huge impact on appearance and aerodynamic drag."

Weisser doesn't buy that argument, pointing to the high-powered Chevrolet Camaro that apparently doesn't have the overheating problems, and says that engine modifications for the 2017 Z06 still haven't eliminated the situation. He believes that GM should buy back the cars or offer exchanges to dissatisfied customers who have lost resale value as a result.

I guess we'll find out in court one day. So what do you think? Would you still buy a C7 Z06?

Assembly Plant to be Closed to Tours for 18 Months

One of bigger pieces of news to come out of the 2017 NCM Bash event has to do with the end of public tours for the foreseeable future at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. Along with the tours, Chevrolet is suspending the Corvette Buyers tour and the Engine Build Experience for the 2018 model year.

Plant Manager Kai Spande made the announcement that public tours of the Corvette factory will end in June and will not return for at least 18 months. The last day for public tours was Friday, June 16th.



As the plant prepares for a major change in how the Corvettes are assembled, there is also the integration of the new paint facility. The current paint shop is on the other side of the plant and so many of the locations for various assembly functions are being relocated. Kai told the audience that planning the route for public tours is the last agenda item on the list after everything else is in place and the plant is back up to speed.

The Bowling Green Assembly Plant will begin 2018 Corvette production on June 5th and then close for the months of August, September and October as upgrades to assembly line process are being made. The 2018 model year will resume production following the break.

The extended suspension of tours which is expected to last until then end of 2018 has fueled speculation that Chevrolet doesn't want anyone from the outside to catch a glimpse of the C8 Mid-Engine Corvette, which coincidentally is expected as a 2019 model.

C7.R Art Car Livery for the 24 Hours of Le Mans

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Larbre Competition is running a Corvette C7R in the LMGTE Amateur class at this year's 24 Hours of Le Mans and this morning they unveiled an art car livery for their "French American" racer.



The street-inspired art livery for the C7R is titled "Human" and was created by artist and painter Ramzi Adek. One of the significant features of the livery is the DayGlo paint which will light up in the dark.

There is also a story behind the pop-art style images with show among other things a jet and a shield that signify power and protection while a heroine on the side represents determination and strong character.

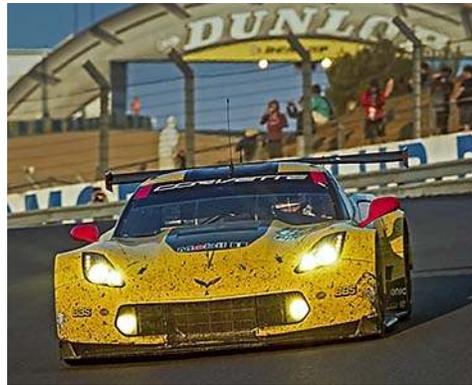


"These are in fact messages directed to the rivals of Larbre when the Corvette C7R overtakes another competitor, he will get a "BOOM" right in the face! There is a slight 'taking the Mickey' element, like a boxer who is winding up his opponent in the ring." Ramzi Adek commented.

This is the 24th year that Larbre Competition has raced at Le Mans. Drivers for this year's campaign are Christian Philippon, Romain Brandela and Fernando Rees.

CORVETTE RACING AT LE MANS: Third Place, Dramatic Finish for No. 63 Corvette

LE MANS, France (June 18, 2017) Corvette Racing has experienced highs and lows in its 18 appearances at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. America's premier GT racing team added to that Sunday with a dramatic third-place finish in the GTE Pro category with Antonio Garcia, Jan Magnussen and Jordan Taylor climbing onto the podium together for the second time in four years.



The No. 63 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7R came back from an early-race puncture and clawed its way back into contention before barely missing out on its ninth class victory at Le Mans since 2001.

Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner and Marcel Fässler placed eighth in the No. 64 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Corvette C7R. The trio had a fight-back of their own after Milner lost a wheel in the opening half of the race. It proved to be the only mistake by that trio but the four laps lost proved costly as the GTE Pro race was as much as a seven-car fight into the last six hours.



"The GTE Pro battle was intense and certainly garnered the most attention of any race that I can recall," said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President, Performance Vehicles and Motorsports. "While our goal is always to win, it occurred to me that

the Corvette Racing team has a never-give-up attitude. That element has been critical in many of the eight class wins in our Le Mans history. Jan, Antonio, Jordan and the entire 63 crew held together strong as a team and demonstrated incredible heart and determination all race long. I also want to thank the Corvette owners and fans around the world for the support they have been giving Corvette Racing at Le Mans from 2000 until today."



The early puncture for the No. 63 Corvette set the stage for a phenomenal drive back toward the front by the driving trio, the crew and engineers. The crew performed a perfect brake change near the 10.5 mark it took approximately 75 seconds to do all four wheels and the engineering team got the car back on the same pit strategy as the race leaders just after dawn Sunday.

From then on, the Corvette asserted itself and cycled through the lead up until the final hour. Magnussen and



Taylor alternated single stints over the last three-and-a-half hours. The Corvette Racing team elected to take fuel only and change to Taylor in order to gain track position over the final 46 minutes. The two cars ran within 1.5 seconds of each other until the final lap.